

Dear Marines, Sailors, Family Members and close Friends,

My name is Stephanie, and I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as your Family Readiness Officer (FRO). I'm excited about the program and looking forward to having the opportunity to meet and work with you in the near future.

As your Family Readiness Officer, my primary objectives are to provide resource and referral information, assist in crisis intervention, and provide you with tools to better support each other during those times and circumstances that are simply unique to being a family member of an active duty Marine or Sailor. There are a wide range of services available on base and in the local community to assist and support both active duty and family members. Ultimately Family Readiness is the responsibility of the individual Marine or Sailor, but as your Family Readiness Officer it is my job to provide you with the assistance and tools you need to succeed.

Remember communication is essential, and I serve as your direct link to the unit. However, unless you communicate your need for assistance to me, I will be unaware of your needs. As with unit readiness, family readiness requires communication and it is one of the most vital links to mission success.

I will provide you with unit information via our official website, email, or by utilizing our communication system through Marine Online.

I will also coordinate events for the unit with the assistance of dedicated and committed family members. I solicit your ideas and suggestions for events, and encourage you to provide feedback. I encourage everyone to get involved and volunteer as your participation will make the program a success.

Remember, our extended military family is comprised of parents, spouses, children, and friends. All are welcome and working together we can make our program a success.

To reach me please feel free to contact me utilizing any of the means below:

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I am located at the squadron, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck, Room 219.

I understand that you may require additional information, have questions, need assistance after hours, or can only call after hours- please feel free to do so.

You may be asking yourself, where do I as a Marine, Sailor, Family Member or Friend fit into the new Family Readiness Program? The new structure of the Family Readiness Program allows for several different positions, being a volunteer is the key. For more information on these available positions please contact me.

At no other time in the history of our Corps has there ever been such a commitment to the support, well-being, and family unity than right now with the establishment of the Family Readiness Program. I urge each and every one of you to take advantage of this program and utilize the available resources that have been established just for you and your family.

Simply said:

"Marines take care of their own-period. This enduring pledge between Marines is never more sacred than during time of war. Just as every Marine makes a commitment to the Corps when they earn the title Marine, the Corps makes an enduring commitment to every Marine - and an enduring commitment to their family"

-General Conway, 34<sup>th</sup> CMC Planning Guidance

Please continue to view our website often, more information coming soon!!!!

Semper Fidelis,

Stephanie E. McPherson